

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

WATERWORKS AND WASTEWATER WORKS OPERATORS

What is it?

It is an apprenticeship program approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Training of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry in 1998.

What does it do?

Allows high school students age 16 or older an opportunity to be employed while finishing high school and become eligible for the Virginia examination to become licensed as a Class IV waterworks operator or a Class IV wastewater works operator, with a potential for advancement.

What is required of the student to complete the apprenticeship?

The student must complete 2,000 hours of paid on-site work experience at a waterworks or a wastewater works facility and complete the following classes:

- Algebra I and II
- Geometry
- Biology (with lab)
- Chemistry (with lab)
- Computer Keyboarding

I am or expect to be a high school student age 16 or older and think I might be interested in the apprenticeship. How can I find out more?

Contact your guidance counselor and give him the address of this web page.

I am a high school guidance counselor and a student just asked me about the apprenticeship. What do I do?

1. Contact a local waterworks or wastewater works facility and determine if they would sponsor one or more apprentices.
2. Contact the nearest field office of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry and tell them you want to arrange an apprenticeship for waterworks and wastewater works operators.
3. Take the credit for an innovative education opportunity

I represent a waterworks facility or a wastewater works facility which is interested in sponsoring an apprentice. What do I do?

Contact the guidance office at a nearby high school. Provide them with the information from this web page and ask that they find a student who is eligible for and interested in an apprenticeship.

More information may be obtained from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry by contacting the office nearest to you:

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| Richmond | (804) 786-3075 |
| Abingdon | (540) 676-5465 |
| Fairfax | (703) 359-1164 |
| Lynchburg | (804) 385-0806 |
| Norfolk | (757) 858-6700 |
| Roanoke | (540) 562-3580 |
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